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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6924**

**BILL NUMBER: HB 1311**

**NOTE PREPARED: Jan 8, 2012**

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Sports scholarships and player safety.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Crawford

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                              **DEDICATED**  
                              **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Pending

**Summary of Legislation:** Requires a state educational institution that is a Division 1 member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (division 1 educational institution) to renew an athletic scholarship at an amount that is at least the amount awarded to the student athlete the previous year as long as the student athlete is in good academic standing and is not subject to disciplinary action. Provides that if a student athlete who receives an athletic scholarship is involuntarily removed from a team, the division 1 educational institution shall provide an equivalent scholarship. Provides that any written agreement concerning athletic grants-in-aid signed by both a division 1 educational institution's athletic program representative and a prospective student athlete is legally binding on the state educational institution. Requires a division 1 educational institution's athletic program to screen each incoming student athlete for the sickle cell trait and heart abnormalities before allowing the student athlete to participate in intercollegiate athletics. Requires a division 1 educational institution's athletic program to establish a program or protocols to prevent, assess, and treat sports related concussions and dehydration. Requires a division 1 educational institution's athletic program to establish and maintain exercise and supervision guidelines for any student athlete who participates in intercollegiate athletics who is identified as having a potentially life threatening health condition. Requires a division 1 educational institution's athletic program to conduct a financial and life skills workshop for all of the educational institution's first-year and third-year student athletes. Requires a division 1 educational institution's athletic program to grant another institution of higher education's request for permission to contact a student athlete if the student athlete authorizes the request. Requires a division 1 educational institution's athletic program that does not receive a waiver to dedicate \$500,000 annually to cover medical expenses of student athletes. Requires the state student assistance commission to establish and administer the athletic trust fund (trust fund). Requires a division 1 educational institution's athletic program that does not receive a waiver to pay an annual fee to be paid to the trust. Provides that the fees paid to the trust may be used by former football and men's basketball student athletes after their eligibility to participate

in intercollegiate athletics is exhausted. Requires a division 1 educational institution's athletic program that does not receive a waiver to pay an annual fee to the trust fund to be used to make student loan payments on behalf of each student athlete who obtains an undergraduate degree from the state educational institution. Provides that a division 1 educational institution may be granted a waiver if the division 1 educational institution receives less than \$10,000,000 in annual television revenue. Requires a division 1 educational institution to allocate money to be used to comply with federal law pertaining to sexual equality in the division 1 educational institution's athletic program. Requires a division 1 educational institution to annually submit a report to the commission for higher education pertaining to the institution's compliance with federal law pertaining to sexual equality in the institution's athletic program. Provides that the commission for higher education may fine a division 1 educational institution if a division 1 educational institution fails to dedicate money to provide sexual equality in the division 1 educational institution's athletic program.

**Effective Date:** January 1, 2013.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** *As of the above date, the fiscal analysis of this bill has not been completed. Please contact the Office of Fiscal and Management Analysis for an update of this fiscal impact statement.*

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**

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